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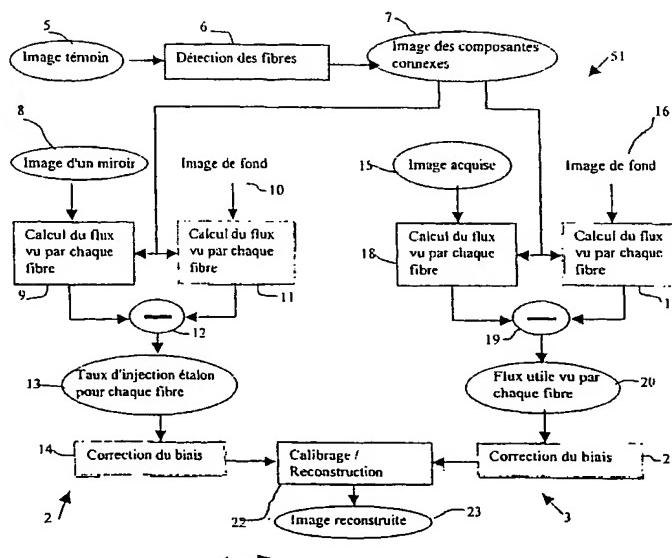
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(54) Title: METHOD FOR PROCESSING AN IMAGE ACQUIRED THROUGH A GUIDE CONSISTING OF A PLURALITY OF OPTICAL FIBERS

(54) Titre : PROCÉDÉ DE TRAITEMENT D'UNE IMAGE ACQUISE AU MOYEN D'UN GUIDE COMPOSÉ D'UNE PLURALITÉ DE FIBRES OPTIQUES



- 5...TARGET
- 6...FIBER DETECTION
- 7...RELATED COMPONENT IMAGE
- 8...MIRROR IMAGE
- 9, 11, 17, 18...CALCULATING FLUX VIEWED BY EACH FIBER
- 10, 16...BACKGROUND IMAGE
- 13...SAMPLE INJECTION RATE FOR EACH FIBER
- 14, 21...BIAS CORRECTION
- 15...ACQUIRED IMAGE
- 20...FLUX VIEWED BY EACH FIBER
- 22...CALIBRATION/RECONSTRUCTION
- 23...RECONSTRUCTED IMAGE

(57) Abstract: The invention concerns a method for processing an image acquired through a guide consisting of a plurality of optical fibers. The invention is characterized in that it consists, for each optical fiber, in isolating on the acquired image a zone corresponding to said optical fiber, in locally processing each zone individually to correct the photon flux detected in each optical fiber, then in reconstructing the acquired image by eliminating the pattern caused by the optical fiber. The method also comprises a sampling process for obtaining, for each optical fiber and from a sampling image, a sample injection rate which can be used for reconstructing the acquired images. The invention also includes a prior step which consists in detecting the fibers from a target.

(57) Abrégé : L'invention concerne un procédé de traitement d'image acquise au moyen d'un guide constitué par une pluralité de fibres optiques. Selon l'invention, pour chaque fibre optique, on isole sur l'image acquise une zone correspondante à cette fibre optique, on traite localement chaque zone de façon individuelle pour corriger le flux de photon détecté dans chaque fibre optique, puis on reconstruit l'image acquise en éliminant le motif dû aux fibres optiques. Le procédé comprend également un processus d'étalonnage permettant

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